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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 12, 2005, with a shortened statutory period of three months for response. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.